

Training & resources for Boy Scout & Venture Youth Leaders

Training and Leadership development is an integral part of the Boy Scout Program. These courses are developed and offered to assist youth and their Scout Troops and Crews to increase their skills, planning, leadership potential and more.

Safe Swim / Safety Afloat / Lifeguard / Aquatics

Safe Swim / Safety Afloat (SSD/SA): This certification training is required for your Pack, Troop or Crew to participate in ANY aquatics activity.

The Safe Swim Defense is a plan for conducting swimming activities in a safe manner.

Safety Afloat has been developed to promote boating and boating safety and to set standards for safe unit activity afloat.

Renewal certification is available at: <http://olc.scouting.org>

Check out the class schedule, and register on-line for Aquatics and other safety certification classes at:

<http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>

Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat (SSD/SA), Lifeguard, Water sports merit badges and more available at Allatoona Aquatics Base.

Aquatics:

March 28, 2009: Learn to Swim (age 11 & up) Atlanta pool - advance registration to <http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>

October 31, 2009: Learn to Swim (age 11 & up) Atlanta pool - advance registration to <http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>

May 16, 2009: Pre-camp swim check for Troops Register in advance to <http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>

June 6, 2009: Pre-camp swim check for Troops Register in advance to <http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>

Lifeguard:

Saturday May 9 & May 22 – May 25, 2009 (attend both weekends): BSA & Red Cross Lifeguard Certification at BASR (\$190.00+ advance registration to <http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>)

Merit Badges and More

Swimming, Fishing, Water Sports, and Lifesaving Merit Badge:

Check out schedules & register advance registration to <http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>

Canoeing, Motor Boat, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Whitewater Merit Badges:

Check out schedules & register advance registration to <http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>

Preparation for Northern Tier Canoeing:

Check out schedules & register advance registration to <http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>

Large Boat Sailing Adventure:

Check out schedules & register advance registration to <http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>

Preparation for Sailing at Florida Sea Base:

Check out schedules & register advance registration to <http://www.campallatoona.org/index.html>

On-line Supplemental Training Modules from National BSA

Supplemental training modules are designed to provide orientation beyond the basic training offered in New Leader Essentials and leader-specific training. Each module is a unit of training that can be used as an outline for a group, for personal coaching, or for self-study. Most of the outlines should require about an hour to complete. Consider each unit of study to be an introduction to the subject. Scouters are welcome to download subjects that are of interest for personal or unit use. There are no training credits associated with the completion of these units of study. Additional training units are being developed and will be continually added to this site.

Boy Scouts and Leaders Go to: <http://www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/TrainingModules.aspx>

Venture Adults and Youth Leaders Go to: <http://www.scouting.org/Venturing/Training.aspx>

Hazardous Weather Training

Effective January 1, 2009, Hazardous Weather training is mandatory for at least one adult on each trip or tour.

The on-line course includes training, testing, and additional resources on weather conditions that may be encountered during BSA activities, including lightning, flash floods, tornadoes, hot and cold weather, hail, and hurricanes. Participants who complete the course earn a Weather Smart Certificate of Completion (info. required for Tour Permit).

The Hazardous Weather course content is appropriate for Boy Scouts and Venturers as well as all adult leaders.

To access all online classes: <http://scouting.org> Select "MyScouting" tab. Create your user account and log-in.

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Select "E-Learning" tab. Select course tab. Take course. Print certificate.

Anyone may create a user account and view the courses anytime. Registered members of the BSA may provide their member numbers (as part of their user profile) to receive credit. Completion certificates or list should be sent to your Pack or Troop Trainer and me at bgrdfox@bellsouth.net to insure local credit is posted. (Web-site is national in scope)

Youth Protection and Safety modules

A Time to Tell / Hora de Contarlo (No. AV-09DVD04)

Introduces the "three R's" of Youth Protection and should be viewed by troops annually. (English and Spanish facilitator's guides are available). Materials intended for Boy Scouts ages 11 to 18. Contact your Troop Trainer or leader or District Trainer for details.

Venturing Leader Youth Protection Training - AV-03DVD14 [DVD]

Topics covered include the BSA's Youth Protection policies, kinds of abuse, signs of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. Contact your Crew Leader or District Trainer for details.

Personal Safety Awareness / Concientización Sobre la Seguridad Personal (No. AV-09DVD27)

A sample letter to parents and guardians as well as English and Spanish meeting guides for facilitators' use when showing the age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention video. Materials intended for **older** Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts ages 14 to 21. Contact your Troop Trainer or leader or District Trainer for details.

Youth Protection: Training for the Adult Venture Leader

This training provides an overview of the developmental transition experienced by young people of Venturing age and how those transitions relate to the personal safety concerns of the Venturing program.

Available on-line: <http://olc.scouting.org/info/yptv.html>

Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness

This training deals with issues facing our young adults today. The vignette covers acquaintance rape, peer sexual harassment, stalking, and two new additions in 2007--suicide and Internet safety. This cutting-edge training addresses head-on the issues facing youth. Materials intended for youth ages 14 to 21. Contact your crew leader or District Trainer for details.

Health and Safety

The Boy Scouts of America has nearly a century of experience conducting high-adventure outdoor activities in a manner that is safe for all participants. The following resources and information are provided to enable adult leaders and youth to help us maintain our impeccable safety record. BSA National Resource 'Scouting Safely' portal lists information links, guidelines, updates, new training modules, Health & Safety Alerts, managing risk, additional resources, newsletters, 'RiskZone', Guide to Safe Scouting, Medical Forms, permits, awards, and more.

<http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety.aspx>

American Red Cross CPR for both youth and adults

Please contact Wayne Miller wayne@donate.net for additional Scout CPR Saturday information. The Atlanta Area Council has invested in 100 new CPR Manikins and 30 new Child manikins to create Scout CPR Saturday. Our Goals is to train thousands of participants through several CPR Saturday Trainings. Please tell your family, friends and co-workers to sign-up. We will be teaching Adult CPR and AED skills and we will be teaching an add-on Child CPR/AED segment.

It's time to check your CPR Certification !

Why? For Scouts, this course will help satisfy the requirement to demonstrate CPR knowledge for the water, First Aid, personal and outdoor skills merit badges. Save time at summer camp by getting CPR Certified now. CPR is one of the requirements for Philmont crews, climbing, caving, boating events, and Wilderness First Aid & other survival courses.

CPR/AED Saturday

Registration is open for CPR Saturday, March 7, 2009 - at the AAC Volunteer Service Center. Anyone can attend, even the Girl Scout sisters, grandparents, everyone! Cost is \$25 per person for adult CPR/AED skills or \$35 for training for both Adult and Child skills (includes manuals, skill cards and supplies). Register at www.goodturn.net.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to teach, contact Wayne Miller at 404-874-7421 ext. 202 or email wayne@donate.net.

Learn CPR with AED by attending **CPR Saturday March 7th 2009**. Certification in Child CPR is also available. To sign up go to www.goodturn.net and follow the directions to register.

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Youth Leadership Development

Den Chief Training

The Den Chief who completes this program will be better able to function in his leadership position. This training is usually delivered by his Troop Scoutmaster and adults in cooperation with the Pack and den leaders he will serve. Use the following training materials to supplement the "Den Chief" and "Junior Leader" handbooks.

<http://gwinnettbsa.org/downloads/> Click on DenChief.pps

<http://olc.scouting.org/index.html> Click on "Welcome to Den Chief Training" to open the PPT video.

Venture Crew Officer's Orientation

This new training offers a much-needed support to Venturing crews with their officers. The sections that it covers are:

- Crew Officers Roles and Responsibilities
- Resources Crew Officers Needs and Use
- Working with Advisors and Older Adults
- How to Plan Your Crew's Annual Program
- Planning Resources

Available on-line: <http://olc.scouting.org/info/vco.html>

Troop Leadership Training (TLT)

Scoutmaster-directed (in Troop) training divided into three modules:

Module One—Introduction to Leadership (Know). Conducted within a week of a Scout's acceptance of his new position, this session focuses on what a leader must know.

Module Two—How to Fulfill Your Role (Be).

This session on how to fulfill the role's responsibilities focuses on what a leader must be.

Module Three—What Is Expected of Me? (Do).

This session focuses on what a leader must do.

Download the PPT from: <http://olc.scouting.org/resources/index.html>

Troop Junior Leader Training

This one-day workshop is conducted by the Scoutmaster and ASM's for his junior leaders. Offered by the troop adult leaders and experienced youth leadership, once or twice a year – usually right after Troop elections.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) = aka "Greenbar"

This course is a must for new Senior Patrol leaders and their assistants, patrol leaders, or any older Scout in your Troop that shows the potential, to learn about leadership and "how to" lessons using the patrol method in the Scout Troop. This six day course is conducted by the council in a camping situation. The NYLT experience models a month in the life of a troop – three Troop meetings and a big event (outpost camp). The course uses the patrol method, model Patrol Leaders' Council meetings and skill sessions to guide patrols on their "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership" and help participants develop leadership and teamwork skills to take back to their Troops. The course is an intensive experience in leadership skills and is provided by the Council at Bert Adams Scout Reservation located in Covington. This course is run by Scouts with adult guidance. Fun and challenging, must be at least 13 & First Class rank.

Limited enrollment requires advanced application & Scoutmaster approval/recommendation.

It is not to be considered "advanced summer camp".

Offered by Atlanta Area Council during the school summer break.

More information and applications at: <http://www.aacnylt.org/Home.html>

2009 dates

May 24 – 30, 2009: Week One

May 31 – June 6, 2009: Week Two

June 7 – 13, 2009: Week Three

Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC)

This course has been designed to be run by the Crew Advisor and officers to teach leadership skills to the entire crew. Completion of this course is a requirement for a youth earning the Silver Award.

Contact Lynn Weiss – lhweiss@gmail.com or 678-362-9003 for more information.

February 28, 2009: offered by Atlanta Area Council. Contact 770-989-8820 to register.

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

The new National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is an exciting new program where young men enhance their leadership skills in the Philmont Backcountry. Scouts will expand upon the team building and ethical decision making skills learned in National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). NAYLE uses elements of the Philmont Ranger Training as well as advanced Search and Rescue skills to teach leadership, teamwork and the lessons of selfless service. NAYLE will offer Scouts an unforgettable backcountry wilderness experience where they live leadership and teamwork, using the core elements of NYLT to make their leadership skills intuitive. Offered at the Philmont Scout Ranch.

More Information: www.nayle.org and <http://www.scouting.org/philmont/>

Project COPE

The Atlanta Area Council invites all Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Scout Teams, Venture Crews, Ships, Explorer Posts, and Learning for Life Groups to come out and enjoy a weekend of Challenging Outdoor Personal Encounter at the Project COPE Course at the Woodruff Scout Reservation near Blairsville, Georgia. Project COPE is a national program of the Boy Scouts of America. The program is composed of group initiative games, trust events, low-course events, and high-course events. Some activities involve a group challenge, while others develop individual skills and agility. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump, rappel, and devise solutions to a variety of problems. Most participants achieve much more than they imagined they could.

To register go to www.atlantabsa.org and visit the **Camping** webpage then select the **COPE/Climbing/Caving Programs** link. You may also register by selecting the calendar and choosing the event date you plan on attending. More information, contact the Council Program Center, 770-989-8820

April 24- 25, 2009: Woodruff Scout Reservation

May 8-10, 2009: Woodruff Scout Reservation

September 25-27, 2009: Woodruff Scout Reservation

October 9-11, 2009: Bert Adams Scout Reservation

Note: In 2009 COPE/Climbing programs will expand from Woodruff SR and also use our new COPE Course and Bouldering Wall at Bert Adams SR. Many COPE and Climbing Activities require additional forms and additional Leader training. All participants are required to have a current health / medical form. In addition, the following forms are required:

[Parental Informed Consent Form \(pdf version\)](#)

[Release / Hold Harmless \(pdf version\)](#)

The Order of the Arrow and Your Troop

This session discusses the benefits to the individual, troop, district, and council as a result of the Order of the Arrow's influence in your troop. Available on-line at: <http://scouting.org/BoyScouts/TrainingModules.aspx>